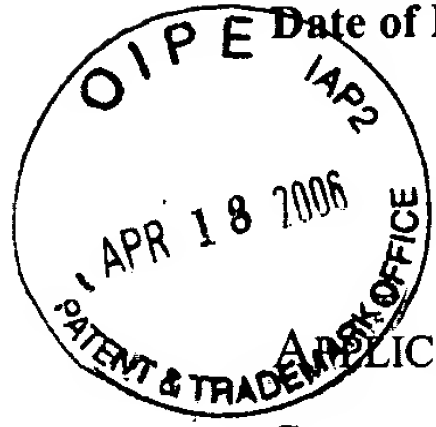


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1. Amendment and Response to October 18, 2005 Office Action (10 pages);
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 18, 2005 OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2005 ("Office Action"), please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the claims are shown in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks are shown beginning on page 6.